



TURF TIMES

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Chairman speaks

Dear Members,



The running of THE KINGFISHER DERBY BANGALORE on Sunday, 13th July 2014 will undoubtedly be exciting and I am sure, you will find time to attend the weekend races. Alongside, efforts are being made to reorganise seating on the Derby Day, especially with limited seating available at

the Racecourse and our commitment to the Sponsors to accommodate their guests. In this connection, I seek the cooperation of Members in assisting the Committee in minimising inconvenience to Members and Guests/Delegates attending the weekend races.

I would also like to inform Members of the discussions held with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka on 20th June 2014 in the matter pertaining to the tenure of the existing Racecourse, in the backdrop of the scheduled hearing before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in the pending litigation. During discussions, the Hon'ble Chief Minister informed that the Government did not wish to review the decision taken by the previous Government for relocating the racecourse and would grant the Club a maximum period of three years for shifting the Racecourse. It was also emphasised that the Club would have to identify land on its own.

In response, a request has been made on behalf of the Club to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka to consider allotment of land at the Jakkur Flying School and to grant the Club a minimum period of five years from the date of possession of land to relocate the Racecourse, with an accompanying financial package. With discussions remaining inconclusive and in the absence of any categorical assurance in the matter, the Club continues its endeavour to arrive at an amicable settlement. In the meantime, Mr. P.P.Rao, Senior Counsel is being briefed to represent the Club in the Special Leave Petition No. 18238-18239 of 2010 filed by the Bangalore Turf Club in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, which has been listed for hearing on 8th July 2014.

The Government of Karnataka has separately informed the Club of the need to increase the strength of Membership from 350 to 500 to broad base Membership, with the Articles of Association being suitably amended, so as to empower the Managing Committee to fill up the vacancies in one block. The Club is seeking to engage the Government in discussions, comprehensively and conclusively, covering all aspects including matter pertaining to the tenure of the existing Racecourse and other matters, including Membership.

The Managing Committee is proposing to convene an informal Meeting of Members shortly to enlist the response of Members as to how the situation could be addressed to the best advantage of racing.

On this note, I would also like to invite Members to join us for fellowship at Hotel J.W. Marriot, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore on Saturday, 12th July 2014 at 7.45 P.M., followed by Cocktails and Dinner. With a band in attendance, the evening will undoubtedly be enjoyable.

I look forward to your support in making the Derby Weekend Races a successful one.

With regards,

Yours in Racing,

Harimohan Naidu



Editors notes

I am back again to report various developments which happened since April 2014. The Summer season was to start on 17th May 2014. Due to poor rain the first two days racing had to be cancelled as the track conditions were not conducive for racing. Fortunately, the rain came and helped us in starting the season effective 24th May 2014. We are in the midst of good season. Good number of horses are participating and fairly a competitive racing is being witnessed. We had good number of dignitaries present at the prize distribution events. The State Law Minister, Housing Minister, The Police Chief, Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister were some of the luminaries who visited the racing. They all enjoyed and also were encouraging that we should continue in this same place and continue our racing activity. Let us hope for the best in the endeavour of ours staying here or God willing with the support of the Government to find alternate land so that we can move out after a couple of years. We need to get geared up and prepare ourselves. All efforts are being made in approaching the Government to find a suitable solution. Let us all join together and achieve the goal.

The Managing Committee has been taking a lot of positive decisions. The Guruswamy hall and the area adjacent is now giving a new look after the roof sheets were replaced. The skylight gives this hall a new look and the punters are quite happy. The flooring near the Second Gate has been levelled and concreted which enables the public to move about freely without getting injured. The most awaited The King Fisher Derby is coming up on 13th July 2014 and the Committee is making various arrangements for the hectic day. Members are requested to co-operate and bear with us for any small inconvenience. The various decisions of the Committee are given elsewhere. The interviews for selecting Managers for various department has been completed and the final decision is to be taken by the Committee in the next few days.

We in the Managing Committee are taking positive decisions and I am sure the members will appreciate our efforts.

Yours sincerely,

C. SRIVATSAN

Key Committee decisions which are being implemented:

1. Gross Deduction on Win, Place and Second Horse Pool has been brought down to 12.25% as against 12.75%. Gross deduction on Quinella, Forecast, Trinella and Treble now stands at 27.1% as against 44%. However, Jackpot continues at 44%. Mini Jackpot Pool has been discontinued. All these have become effective from 24.05.2014.
2. Bookmakers operation at the 2nd enclosure has been discontinued. In its place additional 41 betting terminals have been installed. Bookmakers commission has been increased substantially and a total of 18 Bookmakers are operating in the 1st enclosure as against 15 bookmakers last season.
3. The implementation of Software integration of various departments activity is nearing the final stages of decision making.
4. For the first time cameras have been installed on top of the starting gate for more efficient monitoring.
5. A new Sand Filtration Unit has been installed and a 63000 litre capacity sump is under construction. Rain water harvesting has been implemented, as required by law.
6. An Insurance Policy has been taken with LIC for Group Leave Encashment. Group Medical Insurance for all daily wage employees including their spouses has been renewed.
7. A 'good will' lunch for the employees was organised on 26.05.2014. Similarly a 'good will' lunch for the stable employees was organised on 30.04.2014 before the start of the season.
8. A letter of intent have been issued to 9 persons for fulfilling certain conditions prior to issue of new trainers licence. As on date 2 persons have qualified and their provisional licence have been issued.
9. The Club has made applications to the Government of Karnataka for approval to open Betting Centres at Davanagere, Belgaum and Bellary. Approval is expected shortly.

The Managing Committee has decided in the interest of all concerned that the General Staff (White Dressed Staff) across the board are to be rotated as per the computer allocation. It is sincerely requested that Members co-operate with the Management in this regard.

STATUS OF SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION NO: 18238-18239 OF 2010
BEFORE THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
HEARD ON 8TH JULY 2014

1. LETTER DATED 3RD JANUARY 2014 ADDRESSED BY THE CLUB TO THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER HAS BEEN TAKEN ON RECORD
2. GOVERNMENT THROUGH ITS ADVOCATE INFORMED THE HON'BLE COURT THAT THE MATTER IS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.
3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE HON'BLE COURT HAS ORDERED THAT THE MATTER BE POSTED AFTER THREE MONTHS

DERBY WEEKEND ARRANGEMENTS

1. A new temporary stand is being constructed near the paddock to seat guests.
2. The Conference Hall would be reserved exclusively for the invitees.
3. Guests of Members would be accommodated on the first floor.
4. Separate badges differently coloured would be issued to regulate the entry of guests to various enclosures.
5. Lunch and Tea arrangements have been made for Members at the AC Lounge and at the first floor.

International Racing:

BTC along with few others have sponsored 22 days of live telecast of British Racing through Neo Sports, which includes the Ascot Festival, Good-Wood Festival, Epsom Derby and other major racing events, spread over the British Racing Season.

Obituary:

Mr. T.V. Krishna Murthy : 01.02.2014

Mr. M.G. Kadali : 28.05.2014
(Steward from 1989 - 1991)

Mr. I.V. Ravindra Kumar : 26.06.2014

May their soul rest in peace.

News from the Turf Racing

Highlights

Congratulations to:

1. Mr. Brijesh Patel on his being appointed Director of National Cricket Academy of BCCI.
2. Mr. A.V. Jayaprakash on his being appointed on the Sub Committee for the Umpires by BCCI

Club News

Fillies Championship Stakes

Won by : MAISHA

Owned by: Mr. & Mrs. Mehernosh Deboo & Sultan Singh
Trained By: Mr. P. Shroff Ridden By : D.K. Ashish

Colts Championship Stakes

Won by : BE SAFE

Owned by: Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy
Trained By: Mr. M. Narredu Ridden By : Suraj Narredu

Juvenile Sprinters' Million

Won by : EMPEROR CRUISE

Owned by: Mr. P. Ranga Raju & Gural Singh
Trained By: Mr. Sharat Kumar Ridden By : Arshad Alam

Maharaja's Gold Cup

Won by : AMAZING GRACE

Owned by: Utd. Rac. & B'Stk Breeders Ltd. rep. by
Dr. & Mrs. Vijay Mallya
Trained By: Mr. P. Shroff Ridden By : P. Trevor

We welcome suggestions or feedback from any member of BTC, or even a write-up on racing related aspects which may be of interest to others. Please do send us your valuable inputs to share with others.

Racing Fixtures July 2016

Saturday	12th	July	Bangalore
<i>(Ambrosia B.T.C. Anniversary Cup)</i>			
Sunday	13th	July	Bangalore
<i>(Kingfisher Derby Bangalore)</i>			
Tuesday	15th	July	Kolkata
Saturday	19th	July	Bangalore
Sunday	20th	July	Bangalore
<i>(Bangalore St. Leger)</i>			
Monday	21st	July	Mysore
Tuesday	22nd	July	Kolkata
Wednesday	23rd	July	Mysore
Thursday	24th	July	Pune
Friday	25th	July	Pune
Saturday	26th	July	Bangalore
Sunday	27th	July	Bangalore
<i>(Bangalore Summer Million)</i>			
Tuesday	29th	July	Mysore
Wednesday	30th	July	Kolkata
Thursday	31st	July	Bangalore

August 2014

Friday	1st	August	Bangalore
<i>(Bangalore City Gold Cup)</i>			
Saturday	2nd	August	Pune
Sunday	3rd	August	Pune
Monday	4th	August	Hyderabad
Tuesday	6th	August	Kolkata
Thursday	7th	August	Bangalore
Friday	8th	August	Bangalore
<i>(Governor's Cup)</i>			
Saturday	9th	August	Pune
Sunday	10th	August	Pune
Monday	11th	August	Hyderabad
Tuesday	12th	August	Kolkata
Friday	15th	August	Pune
Saturday	16th	August	Kolkata
Sunday	17th	August	Pune
Monday	18th	August	Hyderabad
Tuesday	19th	August	Delhi
Wednesday	20th	August	Kolkata
Thursday	21st	August	Mysore
Friday	22nd	August	Mysore
Saturday	23rd	August	Pune
Sunday	24th	August	Pune
Monday	25th	August	Hyderabad
Tuesday	26th	August	Delhi
Wednesday	27th	August	Kolkata
Thursday	28th	August	Mysore
Friday	29th	August	Mysore
Saturday	30th	August	Pune
Sunday	31st	August	Pune

(Above dates are subject to alteration)



Fillies Championship Stakes
presented by Mr. Raghavendra H. Auradkar I.P.S.
Addl. Director General of Police and
Commissioner of Police, Bangalore.



Colts Championship Stakes
presented by Mr. T.B. Jayachandra, Hon'ble Minister
for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs



Maharaja's Gold Cup
presented by Mr. V. Srinivas Prasad, Hon'ble Minister
for Revenue, Government of Karnataka